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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the office action mailed September 30, 2004. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims of this application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments that follow.

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

The specification is amended as shown on the following pages under the heading AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION.

AMENDMENT TO ABSTRACT

The abstract is amended as shown on the following page under the heading AMENDMENT TO ABSTRACT.

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS. The claim list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and all current amendments to the claims. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer. All rights are reserved to the originally claimed and disclosed subject matter.